Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

      1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

      receiving travel data including a travel destination, a departure time, and a return time;

      accessing expense data for one or more expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

      computing an initial average expense for one or more of the expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

      presenting the computed initial average expense expenses to a user;

      accessing service ratings for one or more items corresponding to one or more expense types;

      accessing context data associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

      sorting the one or more items based on the service ratings and the context data;

      presenting the one or more items to a user;

      receiving a user selection of an item corresponding to an expense type;

      entering expense data for the item; and

      computing an updated average expense for the expense type associated with the item based upon the expense data for the item;

      calculating a difference between the updated average for the expense type and the initial average for the expense type; and

      providing a reward to the user based upon the difference.

      2.   (Cancelled)

      3.   (Cancelled)

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4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1 wherein context data comprises one or more of special events data, weather data, local data, and a specific expense limit.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising providing user data and associating the user data with the expense data.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein presenting comprises presenting based at least in part on the user data.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the user data comprises one or more of a user preference, a user purchase history, and a user reward point total.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising providing service data and associating the service data with the expense data.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein presenting comprises presenting based at least in part on the service data.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the service data comprises one or more of an offer, a special offer, and a local standard cost.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising reporting the expense data to the user.

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14.   (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the reporting comprises exception reporting based upon the expense data.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the reporting comprises forecasting based upon the expense data.

16.   (Cancelled)

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~calculating a difference between the expense data for the item and the initial average expense for the expense type associated with the item;~~

assigning a number of points corresponding to the difference; and

associating the points with the user.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising providing a reward to the user based upon the number of points.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising analyzing at least a portion of the expense data to detect fraudulent activities.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein analyzing the expense data comprises deploying a software agent.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein analyzing the expense data comprises detecting a pattern in the data.

22.   (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein analyzing the expense data comprises detecting an exception in the data.

23. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising presenting at least a portion of the expense data to the user.

24. (Original) ~~An apparatus comprising a storage medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions including~~ A system, comprising:

a processor;

a computer-readable medium coupled to the processor and having instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving travel data including a travel destination, a departure time, and a return time;

~~a first code segment for~~ accessing expense data for one or more expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

~~a second code segment for~~ computing an initial average expense for one or more of the expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

~~a third code segment for~~ presenting the computed initial average expense ~~expenses~~ to a user;

accessing service ratings for one or more items corresponding to one or more expense types;

accessing context data associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

sorting the one or more items based on the service ratings and the context data;

presenting the one or more items to a user;

~~a fourth code segment for~~ receiving a user selection of an item corresponding to an expense type;

~~a fifth code segment for~~ entering expense data for the item;

~~a sixth code segment for~~ computing an updated average expense for the expense type corresponding to the item based upon the expense data for the item; ~~and~~

~~a seventh code segment for analyzing the expense data to determine cost savings.~~

calculating a difference between the updated average for the expense type and the initial average for the expense type; and

providing a reward to the user based upon the difference.

25.   (Cancelled)

26.   (Cancelled)

27.   (Cancelled)

28.   (Cancelled)

29.   (Cancelled)

30.   (Cancelled)

31.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 24 wherein the processor is further operable to perform operations comprising ~~further comprising an eighth code segment for~~ providing user data and a ninth code segment for associating the user data with the expense data.

32.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 31 wherein the ~~second code segment is configured to compute the~~ initial average ~~averages~~ is computed based at least in part on the user data.

33.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 31 wherein the ~~sixth code segment is configured to compute the averages~~ updated average is computed based at least in part on the user data.

34.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 24 wherein the processor is further operable to perform operations comprising ~~further comprising an eighth code segment for~~ providing service data and ~~a ninth code segment for~~ associating the service data with the expense data.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 34 wherein ~~the second code segment is configured to compute the average~~ initial average is calculated based at least in part on the service data.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 34 wherein the ~~sixth code segment is configured to compute the average~~ updated average is calculated based at least in part on the service data.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 24 wherein the processor is further operable to perform operations comprising ~~wherein the seventh code segment for analyzing the expense data comprises:~~

~~an eighth code segment for~~ calculating a difference between the expense data for the item and the initial average expense for the expense type corresponding to the item;

~~a ninth code segment for~~ assigning a number of points corresponding to the difference; and

~~a tenth code segment for~~ associating the points with the user.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 38 ~~further comprising an eleventh code segment for~~ wherein the processor is further operable to perform operations comprising providing a reward to the user based upon the number of points.

40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a smart expense application running on a host device, wherein the smart expense application is configured to:

receive travel data including a travel destination, a departure time, and a return time;

access expense data for one or more expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time in a database;

compute an initial average expense for one or more of the expense types associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time data based upon the accessed expenses data;

present the initial average expense data to a client device configured to communicate with the smart expense application;

display the initial average expense data to a user;

access service ratings for one or more items corresponding to one or more expense types;

access context data associated with the travel destination, the departure time, and the return time;

sort the one or more items based on the service ratings and the context data;

present the one or more items to a user;

receive a user selection to order an item corresponding to an expense type comprising an expense;

receive expense data for the item; and

compute an updated average expense for the expense type associated with the item based upon the expense data for the item;

calculate a difference between the updated average for the expense type and the initial average for the expense type; and

provide a reward to the user based upon the difference. upon the expense data for the item.

41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the smart expense application is further configured to access user data and present the initial average expense data based upon the user data.

42. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the smart expense application is further configured to access service data and present the initial average expense data based upon the service data.

43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the smart expense application is further configured to access context data and present the initial average expense data based upon the context data.

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the smart expense application is further configured to ~~calculate a difference between the expense data for the item and the initial average expense for the expense type corresponding to the item and~~ assign a number of points corresponding to the difference.

45. (Original) The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the smart expense application is further configured to provide a reward to the user based upon the number of points.